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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 10-31-62

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: RICHARD HALL
SECRETARY① NATIONAL INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE
ON AERIAL PHENOMENA
1536 CONNECTICUT AVENUE, NORTHWEST
WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

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Richard Hall, in a letter dated October 26th, furnished to the Bureau information that a former member of his organization has been accused by [redacted] of swindling her out of thousands of dollars and stealing her car. Hall said [redacted] informed his Committee that the matter has been turned over to the FBI. He said the purpose of his letter is to offer cooperation to the Bureau and to publicize [redacted] in their membership publication to assist in locating him.

Bufiles fail to reflect any identifiable information concerning the alleged swindler, [redacted] formerly of [redacted] or with [redacted]. Files reflect Hall has furnished information to the Bureau in the past, the last in April, 1962, to the effect that a Dr. Frank E. Stranges implied he was associated with the FBI. The complaint had previously been received by the Seattle Office in October, 1960, and an inquiry had been made resulting in the failure to substantiate the allegation. Dr. Stranges was an Evangelist who claimed he talked to an individual from the Planet Venus. Mr. Hall was furnished an In-Absence reply on this occasion. The Director of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, Major Donald E. Keyhoe, has been known to the Bureau since the 1930's. He has been a free-lance writer and some of the material he furnished of interest to the Bureau has been found to be irresponsible. This matter was discussed with a supervisor in the General Investigative Division.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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1. That the attached airtel be sent to New York requesting that they verify whether or not this information has been furnished to that office.

2. That the attached In-Absence letter be approved and forwarded to

Mr. Hall.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (47-6714)(RUC)

RICHARD HALL

SECRETARY

NATIONAL INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE

ON AERIAL PHENOMENA

1536 CONNECTICUT AVENUE, NORTHWEST

WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

RESEARCH (CORRESPONDENCE AND TOURS)

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ReBuairtel to SF 5/7/62.

[redacted]
on 5/8/62 advised SA CHARLES G. CAMPBELL that Dr. FRANK E. STRANGES had in the past used this residence as a mailing address but has never lived there and that he has not been in touch with [redacted] for some time.

[redacted] further said that he did not know just what Dr. STRANGES is doing now but that he believes STRANGES can be located at 940 Venice Avenue, Venice, California, or through P. O. Box 252 in that city.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM SAC LOS ANGELES 162151

RICHARD HALL, SECRETARY, NATIONAL INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE
 OF AERIAL PHENOMENA, 1536 CONNECTICUT AVENUE, NW, WASHINGTON
 6, D. C. RESEARCH (CORRESPONDENCE AND TOURS).

RE BUREAU AIRTEL TO SAN FRANCISCO MAY 7, LAST AND SAN
 FRANCISCO AIRTEL TO BUREAU MAY 10, LAST.

DR. FRANK E. STRANGESS, 940 VENICE AVENUE, VENICE,
 CALIFORNIA, INTERVIEWED TODAY AT RESIDENCE BY SA JAMES J.
 O'CONNELL CONCERNING OCCASIONS WHEN HE HAS GIVEN IMPRESSION
 THAT HE IS OR WAS AN FBI EMPLOYEE.

STRANGESS DENIED STATING OR CONVEYING IMPRESSION ON ANY
 OCCASIONS THAT HE WAS ASSOCIATED WITH FBI. HAS NEVER INTENTIONALLY
 LEAD ANYONE TO BELIEVE THAT HE WAS ASSOCIATED WITH BUREAU,
 ALTHOUGH ADMITTED REFERRING TO DIRECTOR HOOVER AND BUREAU
 IN COMPLIMENTARY MANNER DURING MANY OF HIS TALKS. STRANGESS
 DESCRIBED SELF AS FORMER PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR AND PRESENTLY
 PRESIDENT INTERNATIONAL EVANGLISM CRUSADE, INC., WITH HEAD-
 QUARTERS AT VENICE RESIDENCE ADDRESS.

STRANGESS ASSERTED HE WILL BE MORE CAUTIOUS IN FUTURE
 TO BE CERTAIN NONE OF HIS LISTENERS RECEIVE IMPRESSION THAT

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HE WAS OR IS ASSOCIATED WITH FBI. HE WAS ADMONISHED TO CEASE MAKING ANY STATEMENTS OR IN ANY WAY PRESENTING IMPRESSION THAT HE HAS BEEN OR IS ASSOCIATED WITH BUREAU.

LOS ANGELES FILES REFLECT [REDACTED] MEMBER OF IMMANUAL GOSPEL TEMPLE, [REDACTED] ADVISED FEBRUARY 27, 1960 THAT DR. FRANK E. STRANGESS WHO HAS DELIVERED LECTURES AT HER CHURCH HAS SAID IN THESE LECTURES THAT HE HAD OR WAS WORKING FOR FBI. SUBSEQUENT INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED] REVEALED NO ATTENDANCE AT ANY OF STRANGESS' LECTURES; HOWEVER, HEARD FROM SEVERAL PERSONS WHO HAD ATTENDED THESE LECTURES THAT THEY HAD RECEIVED IMPRESSION STRANGESS HAD BEEN AN FBI REPRESENTATIVE. ALTHOUGH STRANGESS DID NOT MAKE POSITIVE STATEMENT CONCERNING FBI ASSOCIATION, HE WAS ALLEGED TO HAVE LEFT INFERENCE WITH HIS LISTENERS THAT HE MAY HAVE AT ONE TIME BEEN AN FBI EMPLOYEE.

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[REDACTED] ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF IMMANUAL GOSPEL TEMPLE, ADVISED ON MARCH 21, 1960 THAT HE DID NOT RECALL STRANGESS MAKING STATEMENT INDICATING PAST OR PRESENT AFFILIATION WITH THIS AGENCY. [REDACTED] RECALLED STRANGESS DID EXPRESS ADMIRATION FOR FBI AND DIRECTOR HOOVER IN SOME OF HIS LECTURES.

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[REDACTED] IMMANUAL GOSPEL TEMPLE, WHO ATTENDED MANY OF STRANGESS LECTURES, ADVISED MARCH 21, 1960 THAT NO IMPRESSION GIVEN BY STRANGESS THAT HE WAS AFFILIATED IN ANY CAPACITY WITH FBI.

STRANGESS TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED LOS ANGELES OFFICE FEBRUARY 26, LAST VOLUNTEERING TO APPEAR AT OFFICE TO DISCUSS

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INQUIRY CONCERNING HIS BOOK "MY FRIEND FROM BEYOND EARTH," WHICH HE HAD HEARD FBI AGENT WAS INQUIRING ABOUT.

NO INDICATION IN LOS ANGELES FILES TO VERIFY ALLEGED INQUIRY CONCERNING STRANGESS' BOOK AND APPRECIATION EXPRESSED TO STRANGESS FOR HIS OFFER OF COOPERATION.

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W. J. DeLoach